

CLAIMS

1. Strap tensioner having a tensioning strap (1) and a tensioning device (3) with a winding body (2) for the tensioning strap (1), having a toothed locking wheel (4) which is associated with the winding body (2) and in the locking toothing arrangement (5) of which a driving pawl (7), associated with a driving lever (6), and a locking pawl (8) engage, in order, by way of repeated pivoting of the driving lever (6), to rotate the winding body (2) with directional locking, characterized in that the winding body (2) has a spring accumulator (9) acting in the winding-up direction and, as a storage reel, accommodates substantially the entire length of the strap (1), which has one end connected fixedly to the winding body (2).
2. Strap tensioner according to Claim 1 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the driving lever (6) and a handle (11), which is connected fixedly to a tensioning-device housing (10), are associated with one another in a tong-like manner.
3. Strap tensioner according to one of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized by a release lever (12) which is associated, in particular, with the handle (11) and is intended for releasing the locking pawl (8).
4. Strap tensioner according to one of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the driving lever (6), for the purpose of applying the tensioning force, can be displaced in the direction of the handle (11)

counter to the force of a restoring spring (13).

5. Strap tensioner according to one of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the driving lever (6), in the rest position of the driving lever, is not in engagement with the locking teeth (5).
6. Strap tensioner according to one of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the spring accumulator (9) is capable of winding up the strap (1) automatically when the driving lever (6) is located in the rest position and the release lever (12) is brought into the release position.
7. Strap tensioner according to one of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the winding body (2) consists of plastics material and is disposed in a housing (10) which is closed all the way round and merely has a through-passage slot (14) for the tensioning strap and, if appropriate, operating openings (52) for the driving pawl (7) and the release lever (12).
8. Strap tensioner according to one of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the free end of the tensioning strap has a hook (15) for hooking into the tensioning-device housing (10).
9. Strap tensioner according to one of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the locking wheel (4) is formed by an annular punched metal part which is positioned in a form-fitting manner in the end wall (17) of the winding body (2).

10. Strap tensioner according to one of the preceding claims or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the driving lever (6) has fork-like arms (18) which are articulated on the outside of the housing (10).
11. Gripping jaw (40) with two angled legs (41), the two angled legs (41) having, on the outside, devices (42) for disposing in a longitudinally displaceable manner on a tensioning strap (1), and the insides of the legs forming gripping surfaces (43) for butting against a workpiece, characterized in that the two angled legs (41) are associated with one another in a pivotable manner.
12. Gripping jaw according to Claim 11 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the two angled legs (41) are connected integrally to one another to form a film hinge (44).
13. Gripping jaw according to either of Claims 11 and 12 or in particular according thereto, characterized by rear stiffening ribs (45) which are associated with each gripping jaw and between which the strap is guided, the stiffening ribs (45) having overlapping portions (49) which engage over the film hinge.
14. Gripping jaw according to one of Claims 11 to 13 or in particular according thereto, characterized by wedged ribs (47) disposed between the two stiffening ribs (45).
15. Gripping jaw according to one of Claims 11 to 14 or in particular according thereto, characterized in that the overlapping portions (49) form stop edges (50) which, in the opened-out position of the two angled legs, engage against counter stops

(51) of the respectively other angled leg (41).